conditions are different in urban areas compared to rural areas, there is no such proposal.

The Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation is already implementing an employment-oriented Urban Poverty Alleviation (Centrally-Sponsored) scheme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), on all India basis, with effect from 1.12.1997 with a view to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed and underemployed poor through, firstly, encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have studied up to 9th standard and, secondly, by providing wage em ployment by utilizing their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets.

New policy for slums

†1085. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to evolve a new policy for slums like Dharavi in Mumbai and many others in a number of cities all over the country;

(b) whether the new approach to slums is part of any new rehabilitation policy; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No, Sir. Slum development is a State subject. The State Governments formulate specific plans, programmes and schemes for development of slums in various cities as per their priorities and make necessary provisions therefor in their respective State Plans.

Poverty alleviation under Tenth Plan

1086. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set for poverty alleviation in Tenth Plan;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether according to the mid-term appraisal, Government are lagging far behind in the achievements;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government propose to take any positive measures towards poverty alleviation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSINGAND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (e) The Tenth Five Year plan period (2002-07) set a target for reduction of poverty by 5 percentage points by the year 2007 and by 15 percentage points by year 2012.

In the urban areas, Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation is implementing an employment oriented Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), on all India basis, through States/Union Territories, with effect from 1.12.1997. The scheme envisages to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed and underemployed poor through, firstly, encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have not studied beyond 9th standard and secondly by providing wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets.

'During the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-2007), on all India basis, targets to provide 4,00,000 employment opportunities to the urban poor, through setting up of micro-group enterprises and to impart skill training to 5,00,000 urban poor were fixed under SJSRY Against these targets, durign the first four years of the Tenth Plan *i.e.* 2002-03 to 2005-06, as well for the 2006-07 (as reproted by the States/UTs through Quarterly Progress Reports, received upto 28.2.2007). cumulatively, 4,62,265 urban poor have been assisted to set up micro-enterprises and 5,60,032 urban poor have been provided skill training.

Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Human Settlements

1087. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether India held a first housing conference in the Asia Pacific countries during the first Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Human Settlements on December 13—16,2006;